Mr. A. R. Subrahmanya Aiyar as Tahsildar.

119. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): (1) Is it a fact that Mr. A. R. Subrahmanya Aiyar was 17th in rank among the Second Grade Tahsildars ?

(2) Has he been fined Rs. 150 for official irregularities ?

(3) Is it a fact that the Dewan Peishkar of Trivandrum reported against this officer after the *Tirumasam* ceremony ?

(4) Has the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner reported against the efficiency of Mr. A. R. Subrahmanya Aiyar as Tahsildar and urged upon the Government for transferring him from Trivandrum, and, if so, how often has he done so ?

(5) Is it a fact that the Government have observed that he was unfit to be in charge of a taluk ?

(6) Is it a fact that he has been appointed as Assistant Secretary to Government, and, if so, what is the principle under which he was so appointed ?

(7) Is Mr. A. R. Subrahmanya Aiyar a native of Haripad ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) He was 15th in rank among Second Grade Tahsildars.

(2) The member is referred to the answer given to part (*a*) of interpellation No. 61 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 8th August 1925.

(3) and (4) Communications to the Government from heads of departments and other officers relating to the conduct of their subordinates are confidential.

(5) No.

(6) Yes. The Government generally appoint to the Secretariat officers whom they deem suitable for Secretariat work.

(7) The answer is in the affirmative.

Administrative Board, Medical Services.

120. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the various reasons which weighed with them for placing the Medical Department under a Board ;

(*b*) the additional recurring expenditure on account of this innovation ; and

(*c*) who is the senior officer of the two official members of the Medical Board ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Frequent and thorough inspection of mofussil hospitals and dispensaries in such manner and under such conditions as will enable searching criticism was necessary and a correcting hand had to be applied promptly and on the spot. The Darbar Physician whose constant presence at the Capital was necessary could not find time for the study of local needs in the matter of medical relief. Besides, there was urgent necessity for extending and organising medical aid to women and children.

(*b*) The additional recurring expenditure on account of the change is only Rs. 23-16-0 per mensem or Rs. 282-24-0 per annum.

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